

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR INCENTIVE

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates a grant program to provide a financial incentive to school districts to adopt school schedules and calendars that result in a more efficient use of human resources and capital facilities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Extended School Year Incentive Program to provide grants to school districts to pay for costs relating to converting to an extended school year schedule;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to solicit grant proposals from school districts and award grants on a competitive basis; and
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education, in selecting grant recipients, to consider:
 - certain benefits that may be achieved by a school district's proposed conversion to an extended school year schedule; and
 - the unique circumstances of small, rural school districts.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ for fiscal year 2008-09 only, \$32,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-17a-154, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-154** is enacted to read:

53A-17a-154. Extended School Year Incentive Program.

(1) As used in this section, "extended school year schedule" means a school schedule

33 and calendar that achieves the benefits described in Subsection (2).

34 (2) (a) The Extended School Year Incentive Program is created to provide a financial
35 incentive for school districts to adopt school schedules and calendars that result in a more
36 efficient use of human resources and capital facilities.

37 (b) The potential benefits of modifying school schedules and calendars include:

38 (i) increased compensation for teachers by providing opportunities for an expanded
39 contract year which will enhance school districts' ability to attract and retain talented and
40 highly qualified personnel;

41 (ii) increased capacity of school buildings by using buildings more hours of the day and
42 more days of the year, resulting in reduced capital facilities costs; and

43 (iii) decreased class sizes created by expanding the number of instructional periods in a
44 year.

45 (3) From monies appropriated for the Extended School Year Incentive Program, the
46 State Board of Education shall award grants to school districts to pay for costs related to
47 converting to an extended school year schedule.

48 (4) The State Board of Education shall:

49 (a) solicit proposals from school districts for the use of grant monies to facilitate the
50 conversion to an extended school year schedule; and

51 (b) award grants on a competitive basis.

52 (5) In selecting a grant recipient, the State Board of Education shall consider:

53 (a) the degree to which a school district's proposed conversion to an extended school
54 year schedule achieves the benefits described in Subsection (2); and

55 (b) the unique circumstances of rural districts with small or declining school
56 populations.

57 (6) The focus of an extended school year schedule for a rural district with a small or
58 declining school population shall be to provide opportunities for increased compensation to
59 teachers.

60 (7) To be eligible for a grant, a school district must adopt an extended school year
61 schedule:

62 (a) for each school in the district; and

63 (b) that provides opportunities for teachers to increase compensation by at least 40%.

(8) A school district may use grant monies to pay for any costs related to converting to an extended school year schedule, such as costs of:

(a) air conditioning;

(b) planning;

(c) community outreach and involvement efforts;

(d) instructional technology; and

(e) professional development.

Section 2. Appropriation.

(1) There is appropriated from the Uniform School Fund to the State Board of Education for fiscal year 2008-09 only, \$32,000,000 for the Extended School Year Incentive Program.

(2) From monies appropriated in Subsection (1), the State Board of Education shall award a grant of up to:

(a) \$20,000,000 to a school district with an enrollment of 30,000 or more students;

(b) \$10,000,000 to a school district with an enrollment of 5,000 to 29,999 students; and

(c) \$2,000,000 to a rural school district with an enrollment of fewer than 5,000 students.

Section 3. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

